

AGENDA ITEM VII

STAFF REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS

M.S. in Health Care Management

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its February 25, 1999 meeting, the Board of Regents took the following action:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed M.S. program in Health Care Management (CIP Code 51.0701) at the University of New Orleans, to be implemented immediately. Beginning June 1, 1999 and annually until the M.S. program in Health Care Administration is accredited by the American Assembly for Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Accreditation Commission of Education in Health Services Administration (ACEHSA), the University of New Orleans shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education updating efforts of the University to fulfill all recommendations of external consultants and which provides substantive evidence of cooperation with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in the offering of this program.

STAFF ANALYSIS

On October 16, 2000, the staff received a progress report from the University. Board stipulations are addresses in this report as follows:

1. Accreditation

The College of Business Administration is currently undergoing review for AACSB accreditation. UNO projects that once the College's accreditation is reaffirmed, the University "expects to begin the process of seeking [ACEHSA] accreditation for the MSHCM program during the 2001-2002 academic year."

2. Evidence of Cooperation with LSUHSC

- a. Enrollment** - "Students wishing to cross-enroll at LSUHSC simply register at UNO through the College of Business Administration office, and they are not required to physically register during the LSUHSC registration. All paperwork is then gathered and taken to LSUHSC." Staff from both institutions have been assigned to ensure that this is accomplished.

- b. Scheduling** - UNO “has worked with the various chairs of the departments to ensure all scheduling problems are addressed and worked out.”
- c. Course offerings** - “Approximately half of the UNO courses required for the LSUHSC students are being taught at the UNO downtown campus for the convenience of those students.”
- d. Cost savings** - Members of UNO’s administration and faculty negotiated successfully with LSUHSC to exempt students in the program from needing an additional health certificate, which could cost them up to \$120.00, provided they can demonstrate their meeting UNO’s immunization requirement.

STAFF SUMMARY

There is substantive evidence of cooperation between UNO and the LSUHSC in the offering of this program. While AACSB accreditation for the program appears to be moving along, the University has yet to take any steps toward ACEHSA accreditation. Conditional approval should be maintained and annual updates required until ACEHSA accreditation has been attained.